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This list is for those who like tropical plants and want nice specimens of rare plants for the house in winter and outdoors in summer. This enterprise is operated by people long familiar with tropical plants from around the world.

It is difficult to publish a permanent list of rare orchids and other rare plants because new things are always being discovered. These plants come from remote places and often high water, snakes, alligators and other hazards interfere with prompt delivery, but when slow in filling an order, we put in an extra, besides the "surprise in every package".

All prices indicate bare root unless otherwise stated. Orchids and Bromeliads do much better if taken on wood.

We quote special prices to schools, museums and dealers. No order for less than \$2.00 will be accepted because of increased postal rates. Old customers and repeat orders excepted. All orders postpaid East of the Mississippi River unless otherwise stated. Add 10% West of the Mississippi and Canada. Packing guaranteed. All plants are blooming size and taken by permit. None are taken from the Everglades Park area. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF YOUR PLANTS IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT.

Please read this bulletin carefully - many people don't, and it causes needless correspondence.

The culture of these plants is simple and of necessity our instructions are simple and to the point. In shipping plants everywhere we cannot state anything but a general and accepted practice. Though orchids and Bromeliads are tough plants and take much punishment, they react differently in different places. You must find the proper location on your premises. If you have never grown orchids let us know when you order.

The old theory that it is difficult to grow orchids is exploded, and there is no reason why you should do without them! There are so many types that one may enjoy them year around - indoors and outside - at very little cost. At first, you can try your hand on the inexpensive wild varieties which we can supply. Among our customers are beginners, amateurs, professionals, advanced collectors and the most exacting connoisseurs. For the latter, we advise getting on our "special" list as there are new varieties discovered and imported quite often.

ORCHIDS TERRESTRIAL

Terrestrial orchids grow in soil especially leaf mold and compost. The vanillas should be rooted or grown loosely potted. Use any or all of the following - best to mix two or three items, your choice - Spaghnum, excelsior, dead leaves, leaf mold, compost, osmunda screenings, etc. Other terrestrials should be grown in compost and started in shade, and as bloom spike appears, gradually move to sun or very strong light. Special instructions with each order.

VANILIA PLANIFOLIA (fragrans). Vanilla extract comes from this orchid. Flowers 3 to 4 in. greenish yellow, fragrant. Plant vine like, large thick leaves. \$1.00 per cutting of at least 2 eyes.

VANILIA PRAENTHA. A beautiful, heavy vine type orchid. Very rare. Don't send money - get on waiting list.

VANILIA GRANDIFLORA. Best of all - large whitish green flowers - cutting \$1.50.

BLETIA TUBEROSA. Lovely, palm leaf orchid with multiplying bulbs and loose panicles of many lavender blossoms on tall stems. After bloom rest bulbs. Bulbs 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00.

EULOPHIA ALTA (platypus altus). Though Bletia is beautiful, this one is best. many reddish purple flowers in racemes on tall erect stems. Bulbs 30¢ each - 5 for \$1.25.

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ORCHIDS EPIPHYTIC

Epiphytic plants grow naturally on trees, logs and rocks with aerial or exposed roots. If bought growing on wood or tussock, they are much easier to handle. If bare root, pot in rotten wood, fern root or other loose material with charcoal and broken pottery in the bottom of the pot. Quick drainage is necessary and don't over water. Soak well then allow to dry out before watering again. Plants on wood need more water. Some of these plants like more light than others, but the light or sun in your locality is the determining factor. Light and water requirements come with each plant unless you have a green house.

These inexpensive native plants grow just like the fancy, large flowered type and so they are best for beginners. After learning there is little gamble in buying the more expensive type. People are really going for orchids. Many orchids do not look good when out of season or dormant, but that is the best time for shipping. Don't throw away a dead looking plant if the roots are alive.

CYRTOPODIUM PUNCTATUM (A curved foot that punctures). Bull's horn or cigar orchid. A mammoth of the orchid family, most robust and easy to grow orchid native of the United States. A real spray orchid with long spreading panicles of yellow, black and brown spotted blossoms, very showy even when not in bloom with large bulbs and palm like leaves. January to April.

Medium	\$ 5.00	
Large	10.00	Express collect - On wood add \$5.
Extra large	25.00	Express collect - On wood add \$5.

EPIDENDRUM TAMPENSE (Butterfly Orchid) - we can't say enough for this rugged "spunky", ready blooming plant. The best for beginners and it wins the admiration of all orchidists. Takes punishment, will stand cold and some freezing. Small fragrant, yellowish green flowers with white and purple lips. Many blossoms in loose sprays which are good as cut flowers or corsages. Do not remove dead bulbs until plant is established.

5 to 8 strong bulbs	\$ 1.25	On wood	\$ 1.75
8 to 12 strong bulbs	\$ 1.75	On wood	\$ 2.25
Extra large plant	\$ 5.00	On wood	\$ 7.00

EPIDENDRUM COCHLEATUM, called "Black" orchid (var, triandrum) - Found only in South Florida. Lovely and easy to grow with attractive bulbs and foliage. May bloom any time with small blackish purple, shell like flowers in short sprays. Especially nice on tussock or wood. Hard to get.

Small 4 to 6 bulbs	\$ 1.75	On tussock or wood	\$ 2.25
Medium 8 to 12 bulbs	\$ 2.25	On tussock or wood	\$ 2.75
Large 12 or more bulbs	\$ 3.50	On tussock or wood	\$ 4.25

EPIDENDRUM DIFFORME - Gentlemen's orchid - fine for boutonniere. Very attractive, with rich green succulent leaves and many lovely greenish white flowers in clusters at the stem ends. May bloom anytime.

At least 3 nice stems	\$ 1.00	On tussock or wood	\$ 1.25
Medium	\$ 1.50	On tussock or wood	\$ 1.75
Large	\$ 2.00	On tussock or wood	\$ 2.25

EPIDENDRUM RIGIDUM - For beginners and collectors. Much like difforme with many stems and roots standing away from the wood. Not found in many places but very luxurient where found. Small yellow flowers in clusters. Price same as difforme.

EPIDENDRUM NOCTURNUM - One of our best with long stems and many roots. Very attractive when in leaf and bloom. Largest flowers of any native. Sepals and petals yellow, lip white with yellow spot. Very odd shaped and fragrant at night. Likes shade but strong light and humid atmosphere. As with E. Anceps are different from most orchids, they will often bloom more than once on the old green leafless stems, so do not remove until completely dead.

3 to 5 stems	\$ 1.75	On wood or bark	\$ 2.00
5 to 8 stems	\$ 2.25	On wood or bark	\$ 2.50
Large	\$ 4.00	On wood or bark	\$ 4.50

EPIDENDRUM ANCEPS - Next to Cyrtopodium our showiest orchid plant with many small yellow blossoms in heads. Much better on wood. Shade and humid condition necessary. Another good boutonniere orchid and often other interesting things growing with it on wood. Price same as E. Nocturnum.

EPIDENDRUM BOOTHIANUM - small odd, hard to get. Graceful narrow leaves and compact bulbs. They look like a stack of green nickels that fell over. Mixed color of sepals and petals green and yellow. March to February. Get on waiting list.

4 to 6 bulbs	\$ 1.75	8 to 10 bulbs	\$ 2.50
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POLYSTACHYA LUTEOIA (minuta) - Small attractive rare plant, graceful leaves and many small flowers in terminal panicles, white turning yellow. March to November.

Small	\$ 1.00	Large	\$ 2.00
Medium	\$ 1.50		

POLYRRHIZA LINDENII (Ghost Orchid). A real oddity. No leaves or stems, only roots and large pure white blooms with long tails. Every collector should have one. An excellent house plant if kept in humid condition. Spring, summer and fall. Do not buy bare roots if you are a beginner.

Bare root \$.50 On wood \$ 2.00
PLEUROTHALLIS GELDIA - A beautiful plant with odd fragrant blossoms in winter. From the deepest swamps. Collector's item and attractive house plant. Each leaf a separate orchid but sent in clusters of 3 or more mature leaves. Much in demand and hard to get. \$3.50 per cluster. Don't send money - get on waiting list.

BROMELIADS

Among the most attractive of house plants, especially if taken on wood. May bloom at any time and easier to grow than orchids. If the old plant dies, leave as is for a while. They sucker at the base. Very attractive plants for porch and outdoors in summer. For something different go in for these plants along with orchids. All Bromeliads are easy to grow from suckers or seeds. The small plants on twigs are dandy for dish gardens and terrariums.

Bromeliads belong to the pineapple family and most are epiphytes growing like and along with orchids. Our Tillandsias with lovely bloom are a branch of the Bromeliads. If bare root, pot in loose material such as dead leaves, rotten wood or excelsior. Water sparingly but keep in humid atmosphere with water always in leaf cups.
TILLANDSIA FASCICULATA - Most popular - large gray-green, stiff foliage with beautiful red flower bracts and blue flowers along the side.

Large \$ 1.00 On wood or bark \$ 1.25
Specimen plants \$ 1.50 On wood or bark \$ 2.00
Baby plants for dish gardens \$ 1.00 per dozen

TILLANDSIA UTRICULATA - Grow to be giants with long, soft, curly leaves and very long bloom spikes to 6 feet.

Small \$ 1.50 Large \$ 5.00
Medium (A large plant) . . . \$ 2.00

TILLANDSIA TENUIFOLIA - Very attractive, easy to handle. Leaves grass like. Good in baskets and dish gardens. Each \$.50 On wood \$.75

TILLANDSIA CIRCINATA (Silver Queen) - small attractive plants - excellent for dish gardens and other make ups. On twigs or small branches. \$.35

TILLANDSIA BALBASIANA - Prettiest of all with its long, graceful curly leaves and lovely blooms - each \$.75 On wood or twig \$ 1.00

TILLANDSIA ALOIFOLIA - A corkscrew shape, striped curly leaves. A toss up between this and Balbasiana as to which is prettiest.

Each \$.75 On wood or twig \$ 1.00

TILLANDSIA VALENZUELANA - Soft and sometime pink foliage with branching bloom.

Each \$.75 On wood \$ 1.00

TILLANDSIA RECURVATA - Resembles and is first cousin to T. Usenoides or Spanish Moss which is neither moss nor Spanish but a blooming plant. Cluster of many blooming size plants on twigs for dish gardens aquariums and what nots.

Medium cluster \$.75 Large \$ 1.00

At times we get the rare Tillandsia Pruinos, catopsis nutans and guzmanias.

OTHER INTERESTING PLANTS AND THINGS

One of the most beautiful and exotic sights to a plant lover is the entrance into a "cypress dome" or swamp of the deep Everglades. At first sparse, the growth gradually becomes more dense, then suddenly one steps into a low area (which in wet times would require deep wading.) The limbs of the trees are covered with plant life, the abundance of each item depending upon the particular swamp. There will be orchids, in variety, some rare and hard to spot, air plants or bromeliads, moss ferns and lichens. If you have been very quiet you will see much bird and animal life. Yes, alligators. If noisy, all fade from sight and leave you alone in a beautiful but silent cathedral.

The most attractive item one can have in greenhouse or solarium is a limb from one of these trees cut with all its plant life thriving. You may have specimens 2 to 3 inches in diameter at \$3.50 per foot. Special instructions with order. This is one of our best sellers. Always at least one orchid on each limb.

POLYPODIUM INCANUM - The true resurrection fern - not the desert fern. Curls up when dry - wet and it comes to life. Ideal house plant especially with flower arrangements. Large tussocks often with other plants \$1.50.

Whole COCONUTS sprouted. Most unusual and attractive, easy to grow house palm. Can be grown in a bowl of water or large pot with any soil \$2.50.

FICUS AUREA - golden fig, strangler fig, banyan tree. Makes very fine fast growing house plants with shiny leaves. Small trees 2 to 3 feet cut back for shipping \$1.50. This plant is fine for BON SAI or the japanese art of dwarfing trees in pots.

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BANANA SPROUTS. One of the best and easiest house plants and will grow to big plants outdoors in summer. Very fast in good soil with much water. Sprouts cut back for shipping - 12 to 18 in. \$1.50 - 18 to 36 in. \$2.00.

Do you like palms? Don't miss this. ADONIDIA MERRILLII. X-mas or dwarf royal palm. Beauties. 8 to 12 in. seedling from beds 50 each. 3 for \$1.25.

BRYOPHYLLUM Pinnatum Also called "Leaf of life", "live forever" and "chinese lantern". You can have fun with this easy to grow house plant. Pull off a leaf and lay it on the table. As the leaf withers little plants form around edges. Two sizes both nice plants \$1.00 and \$1.50 each.

TRADESCONTIA ERECTA (Rhoeo discolor) moses-in-the-bullrushes or Twelve Apostles. A real beauty. The erect leaves in rosettes are rich red beneath and rich green above. Striking & very easy to grow. Fine plants \$1.00 and \$1.50 each.

BONNET SPONGES. Remember Robinson Crusoe and his hat? It was a large bonnet sponge. Dandy planters for orchids, bromeliads and many other plants. Line one and make yourself a tricky hat - man or woman. Cured but not fully cleaned because plants like the salt, bromine and chlorine in the sponges. Uncleaned sponges are loaded with many tiny shells and coral. For interest and use, don't miss this. 6 to 10 in., \$1.00; 12 to 15 in. \$1.50.

Here is something unusual from the tropics. The upside down tree, Gumbo limbo. Fine for dwarfing as indoor plants. Has small dense foliage and silky redish bark. Any size limb or tree trunk will take root from either end. You will love it. Cuttings 6 in. long $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 in. diameter 5 for \$1.00, 2 to 3 in. dia. 75¢ ea. A little tree in weeks. Never before introduced.

Yes, the best of osmunda, clean and light - 60¢ per lb. postpaid. East of Mississippi. Add 10¢ per lb. West of Mississippi. 100 lbs. or more 45¢ per lb. Ry. freight collect.

Ozark Gardens magazine - Good reading for plant lovers. Excellent, inexpensive and lasting gift for relatives and friends. Read our articles every month about orchids, rare plants and adventures in the big swamps - \$1.50 per year. Send money to Ozark Gardens, Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

We also handle many types of sponges, shells, corals and other sea curios for dish gardens, what nots and aquariums and terreriums.

MORE ORCHIDS

Four named varieties of fine Cattleya Hybrids full blooming size. A real bargain at \$3.50 and \$5.00 each. All blooms are large and the colors vary, with deep and pale lavender predominant. There are variations of yellow, brown, white mixed especially in the throat and lip.

LIST FOR SPECIAL COLLECTION

After many attempts we have been able to find a reasonable supply of the hard to get lilliputs, or minature orchids, so much in demand for collectors and those who have wardian cases or small spaces for orchids.

The following plants are new to us so we can't tell you about the blooming time or color but we do know that all are interesting and the same is true of the plants.

Be sure to order fast else you may have to wait a few days for more plants to come in.

DICHAEA TRICHOCARPA. A lovely trailing basket plant desirable for the plant alone.

MAXILLARIA VARIABILIS. Most attractive and different with its peculiar bulb and leaf arrangement. Apparently a heavy bloomer.

MEIRACYLLUM TRIANSUTUM. Our choice for looks with its rich green, almost round and flat leaves. Easy to tell they grow on trees like ivy clinging to a wall.

COMPARETIA FALCATA. Another attractive plant and fairly large with long leaves. Apparently has long bloom spikes.

ONCIDIUM PUSILLUM and O. CRISTAGALLEY. These plants resemble each other closely and are very small, about 3 inches. They are really lilliputs like oncidium variegatum which can be pinned on and worn while in bloom. We will soon have more Oncidium variegatum.

EPIDENDRUM BRACENSES. A strange, attractive plant that looks more like sedum than orchid except for the double leaves atop the tiny, succulent bulbs.

All the above plants are \$1.50 each. We are to get four species of lilliputs but they are unnamed until we can have them named. If you want to gamble send your money. You will get your plants or a refund. Prices same.

Many collectors buy "back bulbs" and are therefore able to build up a wide variety at low cost. They are easy to grow even if some don't have leaves because new growth and bloom comes from the base of old bulbs and the plants bloom at next bloom time if properly handled.

We can't give a permanent list because it varies but there will always be cattleya species and hybrids. Oncidiums, epidendrums and laelias. The prices are from \$1.00 to \$2.00 depending on species and size of division. Collectors specify what they would like but allow for substitutions which is best.

IMPORTED ORCHIDS
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FROM LATIN AMERICA. FRESHLY IMPORTED

CATTLEYA SKINNERI - Flowers rose purple, 3" and 3 or more to bloom spike Summer bloom - \$3.50 to \$5.00.

CATTLEYA AURENTIACA - 3 or more 3" orange and purple flowers - Fall and Winter bloom - \$3.50 to \$5.00.

CATTLEYA BOWRINGIANA - One of the best. Many 3" rose, purple flowers to the stem. Fall bloom - \$3.50 and \$5.00.

ONCIDUM CARTHAGENSIS - A real spray orchid - many flowers on long stems Summer and Fall bloom \$3.50 and \$4.50.

ONCIDUM WENTWORTHIANUM - Another fine long spray - many yellow 1-2" flowers. Summer and Fall - \$2.50 and \$3.50.

ONCIDUM SPHACELATUM - Another dandy for Spring - many 1-2" flowers. \$2.50 and \$3.50.

ONDIDIUM SPLENDIDUM - Yellow flowers 3 in. in spray. Attractive plants, one of the very best "oncies". \$3.50 and \$5.00.

ONDIDIUM LEUCHOCHILLUM - 2 in. yellow-green blossoms in sprays. Bloom time varies. \$3.00.

EPIDENDRUM ATROPURPUREA - Most consider it the best of this family. Several 2-3 in. green and brown flowers in Summer and Fall. \$3.50 and \$5.00.

EPIDENDRUM CILIORE - Has several 3 to 4 in. white fragrant flowers. Easy to grow. \$3.50 and \$5.00.

EPIDENDRUM AROMATICUM. Spring and Summer bloom in sprays, white fragrances and popular. \$3.00 and \$4.00.

EPIDENDRUM VITELLINUM. A highly desirable beauty with many cinnabar-red blossoms. \$3.50 and \$5.00 each.

LAELIA ACUMINATA ROSEA - Lalias are among the easiest and finest orchids, closely related to Cattleyas. Flowers 3 or more - rose purple for Spring. \$3.00 and \$4.00.

LAELIA SUPERPIENS - Large rose purple flowers, 4 to 5 to stems, Summer and Fall bloom. A must for those who like good orchids. \$5.00 and \$7.50.

CYCNOCHIS CHLORCHILLON - This is one of the most unusual orchids. Large ribbed bills and long bloom spikes curved like a swan neck so it is called Swan Orchid. Flowers up to 10 - 4 to 6 ins. - yellow and green in Spring, easy to grow. \$5.00.

BRASSAVOLAE NODOSA - 2 to 3 in. white flowers. Plants attractive and easy to grow. Might bloom anytime. \$2.50.

ODONTOGLOSSUM GRANDE - 4 to 7 yellow 5-7 in. blooms in Autumn. Will stand warmer weather than the other "Odonts". \$5.00.

STANHOPEA WARDII - Lovely non-pendulous, basket orchid. 3 to 7 - 4 to 5 in. golden yellow flowers. Hard to beat. Summer and early fall. \$3.50 and \$5.00.

TRICHOPIILIA TORTILIS. Another beauty. Flowers pale rose, 4 to 5 in. - One flower to each stem. \$3.50.

We will be introducing more and more orchids in the future, both popular, well known species as well as innovations to the general American orchid fancier. The list will go out exclusively to orchid lovers so be sure to let us know if you want your name on the list.

